



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023

## The Service of the Word

**Opening Hymn 470:** (v.1&3) “There’s A Wideness”

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever! Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### CHILDREN’S CHAPEL \*\*\* (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

### Song of Praise 488: “Be Thou My Vision”

*Be thou my vision, O lord of my heart;  
All else be nought to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

### The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

### The First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: 123 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.

### Sequence Hymn: “Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I am found  
Was blind but now I see*

*Oh, I can see You now  
Oh, I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life*

### The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master

said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

**Sermon:** “Surrounded”  
*The Rev. Rob Dixon*

**The Nicene Creed** (p. 358 BCP)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped & glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

(\*“catholic” means universal)

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; we especially pray for the people of Israel and Gaza - defend the innocent, Lord; strengthen and guide the good; and cast down the forces of evil and hatred everywhere. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Renew in us a sense of reverent bewilderment for the earth as your creation and for life itself as a precious gift. Lead us, Lord, so that we may use the resources of this life rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as you love us. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; we especially pray for those who are in hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. –

*Silence* – Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

**The Confession** (p. 360 BCP)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

**The Peace:** Welcome & Announcements

**For Giving Electronically**

*Point phone camera at this Image.*

*Thank You!*





# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

**Offertory:** “Who You Say I Am” (see insert)

**The Doxology 380:** (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Sanctus S-129**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father.

*People* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 336 BCP)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn:** “Awake, O Sleeper” (see insert)

**Communion Hymn:** “The Joy of the Lord is My Strength” (see insert)

**Post Communion Prayer** (p. 366 BCP)

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** “Christ Be Our Light”

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.*

*Christ be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.*

## Serving Today

### 8:00am

DOD: Nancy Gibbons  
Ambassadors: Jane Briscione  
Chalice Bearers: Hunter Walker  
Readers: Isabelle Peterson, Lorrie Wilkinson

### 10:30am

DOD: Susan Karl  
Acolytes: Evelyn Spain, Ileya Sobodash & Stella Dixon  
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman  
Chalice Bearers: Miya May, Madeleine Hutchison  
Readers: Leslee Williams, Aaron Wimmers

# Flower Dedications

*In Loving Memory of Marcia Press*

## Your Sermon Notes:

## Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

### Requested Prayer

Angel, Ann, Anne M., Arlie, Art H., Barbara S., Bobby, Brad, Brenna, Butch, Byron, Carolyn, Chloe, Cindy B., Cindy R., Connie, Cory, Crystal, Curt, Daniel, David P., Diane P., Don, Elaine, Evelyn, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jean, Jeff, Jim W., John H., John J., Jonathan U., Joyce Ba., Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Keith, Kelli, Kelly, Kenneth, Kenny, Linda, Mabel, Mallory, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy S., Phyllis, Rachel I., Ralph, Richard, Sally, Sarah, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, Stephanie, Susan, Tammy, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Tonya, Victor, Virginia, Wade, Walt, Warren, Wendy, William B., & William Z.

### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, & Tyler Post

### Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont  
Ted Kirchharr

### Rest of the Soul

Della Savage (Mother of Della Maddox)

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